



DEDICATED
TO
THOMAS A. EDISON
ON THIS HIS
CENTENNIAL YEAR



Call Address "Edison, New York."

*From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.*

May 4, 1931.

Miss Ina E. Martin, Principal,
Gary Public Schools,
Gary, Indiana.

My dear Miss Martin:

I am indeed highly gratified and pleased that your young people should have selected my name for their new school. To have my name chosen in this way is an honor to be greatly prized, and I acknowledge it with a feeling of deep appreciation. Will you please convey to your Board of Education and to your students my sincere thanks and also my best wishes.

Yours very truly,

IWH

Thomas A. Edison.

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

GARY, INDIANA

1947



"My last message to you is: Be courageous. I have lived a long time. I have seen history repeat itself again and again. I have seen many depressions in business. Always America has come out stronger and more prosperous. Be as brave as your fathers before you. Have faith. Go forward."

ADMINISTRATION



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Whether through formal elementary, high school and college training or through the procedure of industrious independent study and research such as was exemplified by Edison, each of you must strive to go forward with your education. In this way you can unlock doors of information and knowledge and can find short-cuts to your goals. Cultivate the talents you have; build a strong character; exercise the spirit of determination; and learn to do something worthwhile better than others can do it. Such is the road to success.

C. E. Swingley

C. E. Swingley



DEPARTMENTS





LANGUAGE



Incandescent

Light

SPEECH

ENGLISH

SPANISH



Gwen Griffen

Northwestern
University

"A Date With Judy"



Mildred McGee

Indiana
University



Lorraine Peabody

Loyola Univ.
Northwestern

Eighth Grade
Sponsor

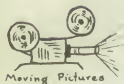


Gretchen Saxton

Indiana
University

"Torch"
Student Council
Reflector





SOCIAL STUDIES



S O C I A L S T U D I E S

L I B R A R Y



Lawrence DeLeurere

Univ. of
Pittsburgh

Eighth Grade
Sponsor
Patrol Boys



Ernest Ladd

Cornell Univ.
Univ. of Iowa

Freshman Sponsor
Hi-Y
Track



Jean Rosenwinkel

Indiana
University



Edison Effect

FINE ARTS



MUSIC



Bess Feather

Univ. of Akron
Ohio State

Senior Sponsor
Girls Glee Club
Elementary Choir

BAND



Elizabeth Scheddell

Illinois Univ.

Band

AUDITORIUM



Ethel Larrabee

Ball State
Tehrs. College

Dramatic Club
A.O.A.

ART



Clara Zehner

Art Institute
of Chicago
Ball State





PRACTICAL ARTS



INDUSTRIAL ARTS



Richard Jeffers

Indiana State
Tchrs. College

Senior Sponsor
Basketball

COMMERCE



Sonia Leskow

Bell State
Tchrs. College

Junior Sponsor
Honor Society
"Reflector"

HOME ECONOMICS



Edna Stankovich

Indiana
University

Girls' Conference
Seventh Grade
Sponsor



SCIENCE



SCIENCE

MATHEMATICS



Marthe B. Connor

Indiana
University

Science Club
Freshman Sponsor



Mildred O'Laughlin

University
of Wisconsin



Marcella Jones

Iowa State
Tchrs. College

Seventh Grade
Sponsor

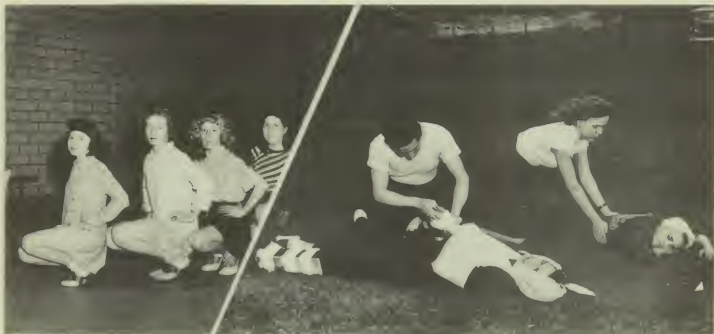


Viola Briley

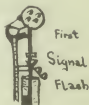
N.E. Missouri State
Tchrs. College

Sophomore Sponsor
Bend





PHYSICAL EDUCATION



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BOYS



Lowell D. Sparks
Butler Univ.
Athletics

GIRLS



Doris Weber

Central
Normal

1st Sem.

Katherine
Grande



Ind. State

2nd Sem.

G. A. A.

HEALTH



Pauline
Walter
School Nurse

CLASSES



PRESIDENTS



Victor Youngmark, Dave Lee Glass, Vivian Orban, Ethel Vuich

SENIORS



FIRST ELECTRIC TRAIN

Ellen Summers	Rec. Secretary
Frank Mladenik	Treasurer
Victor Youngmark	President
Albert Ulicni	Cor. Secretary
Mary Janci	Vice President

In September, 1943, seventy-three of us freshmen first saw the light of day when we made our debut into Edison High School. Since that memorial time our activities have been reflected in the development of the school. In many departments--in music, both vocal and instrumental, in art, in oratory, and in athletics--our torch has really blazed.

In the first year of our high school career we were victorious in the Lake-Porter Track Meet and also in the winning of first prize in the Squander Bug Poster contest. Our light burned brighter our Sophomore year as the Reserve basketball and track teams took Lake-Porter championships. Our flutist placed first in the second division of the Northern Indiana Music contest.

Our torch really blazed in our Junior year: first prize in the Elk's Oratorical contest; first place for expert sewing in the Daughters of the American Revolution style show; and in the athletic department, city champs in Cross-country, Lake-Porter Basketball championship and, for the first time in our history, the SECTIONALS. But, the light of glory was dimmed by the death of a member of the team, Chuck Thomas.

As we played the part of dignified Seniors, our torch still burning brightly, our Cross-country team placed third in the state. This year we received highest honors in the Northern Indiana contest for excellent flute playing by one of our classmates. We, the class of 1947, feel that we have illuminated the pages of the school by these memorable events. We trust that Edison will continue to grow and to uphold her place among the best schools in Gary.

Graduating with this class will be twenty-four veterans who have passed the G. E. D. test. They are: Edward Beck, Harry Buikema, John Carr, James Cunningham, James Hiddle, Harvey Johnson, Clifton Jones, Billy Judis, William Kehoe, Frank Kralowetz, Dean Langel, Clarence Lowe, Kenneth Ludwig, Albert Massena, Von Edward Moore, Dorothy Olson, Fred Poettgen, Joseph Ramansk, Joseph Sajdera, Dwight Singer, Conrad Stolman, Walter Stotts, Alex Swierski, and Edward Tucker.

HAROLD BEALS

"Time ripens all things;
no man is born wise."

Science Club
High School Chorus



ROBERT M. CHILLELLI

"It is a worthier thing
to deserve honor than
to possess it."

Basketball

PAULINE BEDINGER

"My aim in life is
happiness."

TORCH
High School Chorus
Y-Teens
G.A.A.



GEORGINIA CLIFFORD

"Dates are my favorite
fruit."

G.A.A.
High School Chorus

BONNIE MAE BOCK

"She adores all that she
touches."

G.A.A.
Y-Teens
Dramatic Club
"Professor How Could You"
"The Sixth Key"
"Love in Bloom"
"Garden of the Moon"
High School Chorus



LUFE CORFUS

"She is happy-go-lucky,
the kind that is a
treat."

TORCH
REFLECTOR
Dramatic Club
"Everything's Off"

ERIN S. BROWN

"The wise do not tell all
they know."

High School Chorus



DON CRAGO

"Too much and too little
education hinders the
mind."

Science Club

FLOYD L. BURNS

"No torment is as bad as
love."

Hi-Y
Science Club
Baseball



RICHARD WALLACE CUMMINGS

"The world belongs to the
energetic."

Cross-Country
"E" Club
Hi-Y
Student Council
Dramatic Club
"Professor How Could You"
"Garden of the Moon"
"The Sixth Key"
"Love in Bloom"

MILDRED JEAN CURTIS

"A smile is more profitable than a frown."

Y-Teens
G.A.A.
Student Council
REFLECTOR
High School Chorus
"My Old Kentucky Home"
TORCH



MARY ELIZABETH DERIAN

"She's the most amiable person that one could ever meet."

TORCH
G.A.A.
Y-Teens
High School Chorus
Student Council
REFLECTOR

EUGENE DANIELS

"One of the best things in the world to be is a boy."

Basketball
E-Club
TORCH



HOWARD A. DOTHAGER

"It isn't the work that worries me, it's the women."

Basketball
"E" Club
Band
Hi-Y

CHARLES BERNARD DARNELL

"A jolly led and full of fun, he's always nice to everyone."

"E" Club
Hi-Y
Science Club
Basketball
Baseball
Track



NANCY LOU ERICKSON

"Some think the world was made for fun and frolic, and so do I."

Cheerleader
Student Council
TORCH
Dramatic Club
Y-Teens
REFLECTOR
High School Chorus
"My Old Kentucky Home"

BETTY JANE DAY

"Why worry myself and study and care, before I know it I'll have gray hair."

Y-Teens
High School Chorus
Dramatic Club
Student Council



HARRY EWEN

"Modesty conceals his many virtues."

Student Council
Hi-Y
Cross-Country

BETTY DAVIS

"Grace was in all her steps."

Dramatic Club
"Professor How Could You?"
"Garden of the Moon"
"The Sixth Key"
"Don't Tell a Soul"



PRUDENCE FLEMING

"Never too busy to join in the fun, always on hand when there is work to be done."

G.A.A.
High School Chorus
Student Council

EDWARD DONALD GAYLOR

"Good hopes make great men."

H-Y
"E" Club
Sports Manager



WALTER HIGHSMITH

"Always in haste but never in a hurry."

Science Club

DOROTHY FRANCES GREGORASH

"What you do yourself is well done."

High School Chorus
Dramatic Club
"Garden of the Moon"
"The Sixth Key"
"Love in Bloom"
"By Special Request"



RUDY HOJCUS

"So greet a man is willing to be little."

Science Club
Basketball Manager
Baseball

LOWELL EUGENE HAMMONS

"Always merry, bright and cheerful."

Band
Dramatic Club
"Everything's off"
"Professor How Could You?"
Student Council



MARY CHRISTINE JANCI

"Short but sweet."

Honor Society
Dramatic Club
High School Chorus
Student Council
D. A. R. Citizenship
Elks Club Oretoricel Contest
"My Old Kentucky Home"
"The Sixth Key"
"Garden of the Moon"
"The Valiant"

LOLA JOYCE HANN

"A maiden who is richly blessed, with lots of joy and happiness."

Band
State Band Contest
1st place
2nd place
High School Chorus
Dramatic Club



MARILYN JOHNSON

"Contented with little, merry with more."

Cheerleader
Band
High School Chorus
Student Council
TORCH
Science Club

DONNA F. HANSEN

"A loyal companion, an excellent friend, a good earnest worker, and true to the end."

G.A.A.
Y-Teens
Student Council
TORCH
REFLECTOR



KERMIT W. JONES

"It must appear in other ways than words."

Dramatic Club
"Garden of the Moon"
"The Valiant"
"The Sixth Key"
"Professor How Could You?"

BILL FRANK JUDIS

Graduated by
General Education Test



LYDIA MONTEMAYOR

"She spoke little, but
that was worth while."

TORCH

RICHARD JAMES LYNCH

"With Friends all things
ere in common."



FRED R. MOTT

"I am resolved to grow
fat, and stay young
until I'm forty."

Mgr., Basketball, Track,
and Cross-Country
Hi-Y
"E" Club
Student Council

RAYMOND N. MAHAFFEY

"He that waits upon for-
tune, is never sure of
a dinner."

Treck
Cross-Country
Basketball
E-Club
Hi-Y
TORCH
Student Council



EVELYN MUCH

"She goes celmly on her
way."

High School Chorus
REFLECTOR

MERLE C. MASON

"Full of Kind deeds for
many."

Basketball
E-Club
Treck
Cross-Country
High School Chorus



DONALD NEFF

"Come Joy or sorrow, good
or ill, he'll always
play the game."

E-Club
Basketball
Baseball
Cross-Country
Track
TORCH
Band
Student Council
High School Chorus
REFLECTOR

FRANK J. MLADENIK

"Men may come and men may
go, but I go on for-
ever."

Basketball
E-Club
Treck
Cross-Country
High School Chorus



EARL NORTON

"When he's good, he's
good all over, but
when he's bad."

E-Club
Basketball
TORCH
Science Club
Track
High School Chorus

LILLIAN PERA

"When she knows, she knows and no one can change her."

G.A.A.
Y-Teens
TORCH



JOHN A. SAGERRO

"The only way to have a friend, is to be one."

HAROLD PETERS

"Men of few words are the best men."

Hi-Y
Track
Cross-Country



MARY LOU JIMMONS

"Sweet personality, full of rascality."

REFLECTOR
Cheerleader
High School Chorus
"My Old Kentucky Home"
Dramatic Club
"Garden of the Moon"
"Finger of God"

ROBERT A. RAMSEY

"But lo--the modern sheik has come."

Baseball
Cross-Country
Track
Basketball
"E" Club
Band
Dramatic Club
"The Valiant"
Student Council
Hi-Y
REFLECTOR



GERRY STOWERS

"If a friend, he greets thee, hand and heart."

Track
Hi-Y
Student Council
Band

WANDA CHRISTINE RYDEN

"Now that we know her, we wish she had been with us longer."

High School Chorus
Dramatic Club
"Love in Bloom"
"Garden of the Moon"



ELLEN JANE SUMMERS

"Better to be out of life than out of fashion."

Valedictorian
REFLECTOR
Honor Society
High School Chorus
Dramatic Club
"Professor How Could You"
"The Sixth Key"
"Garden of the Moon"
"Love in Bloom"

ERVIN MICHAEL SAJDERA

"Extremely busy but quiet about it."

Dramatic Club
"The Sixth Key"
"Love in Bloom"
"The Valiant"
"By Special Request"



ALBERT ULICNI

"A studious likeable sort of a guy."

Honor Society
Salutatorian
Student Council
Basketball-Mgr.
TORCH

MARY RUTH VAUGHAN

"Kindness has restless
charms."

G.A.A.
High School Chorus
"My Old Kentucky Home"



JOHN J. WATERS

"Cheerful yesterdays and
confident tomorrows."

RAMONA MAY VAUGHAN

"She is gentle, she is
shy, but there's mis-
chief in her eye."

G.A.A.
High School Chorus
"My Old Kentucky Home"
Dramatic Club
"The Sixth Key"
"Don't Tell a Soul"
"Garden of the Moon"
"Love in Bloom"
TORCH
REFLECTOR



IRENE WELCH

"Dignified, quiet, and
demure; of her suc-
cess you can always
be sure."

TORCH
REFLECTOR

ROBERT ALAN WALL

"The Smorgasbord
Kid"

Basketball
Baseball
Science Club
TORCH
REFLECTOR



VICTOR YOUNGMARK

"This fellow's hat
has a noble
feather."

Honor Society
Student Council
Hi-Y
Band
Dramatic Club
"Garden of the
Moon"

EUGENE S. WELLS

"Patience conquers anything."

Baseball, Basketball
Hi-Y, "E" Club



IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES NICHOLAS THOMAS

Born October 2, 1928
Died February 16, 1946

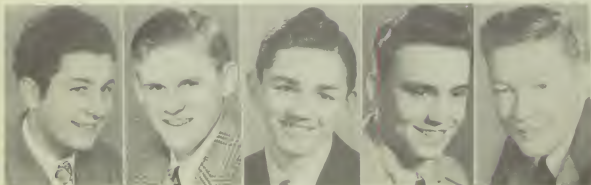
JUNIORS



FIRST PHONOGRAPH

OFFICERS

Reva Neesley	Treasurer
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Vero Alois	Secretary
Margaret Rowan	Vice President



Vero Alois
James Anton
Leoniel Baldwin
Dorsey Best
Bill McNorton



Ray Bliss

Emery Brazil

Robert Carpenter



Jean Carter

James Cavanaugh

Katherine Chamales



Jacqueline Conway

Carmen Cortez

Robert Davis



Shirley De St. Jean

Leola Elliott

Dean Ellis



Sons Eryman

Paul Estock

Dave Lee Glass



Mildred Gorney

Betty Graham

Eugene Hanes



James Hastings

Barbara Hathaway

Janet Higgins



Phyllis Jordan

Bill Koss

Dolores Kubacki



Carolyn Mansfield

Marjorie Martin

Mary Martinez



Hattie Mauck

Clara Molinaro

Danny Morigi



Reva Neeley

Henry Nunez

Barbara Orndorff



Donald Parry

Helen Pera

Edith Peters



Merle Quigley

Margaret Rowan

Rosalie Sassano



Isabell Sharp

Donald Spurr

Roberts Van Horn



Angelo Villa

Tom Webster

Roy Whiteside



SOPLORORE OFFICERS

Mary Lou Sheets	Sec'y-Treasurer
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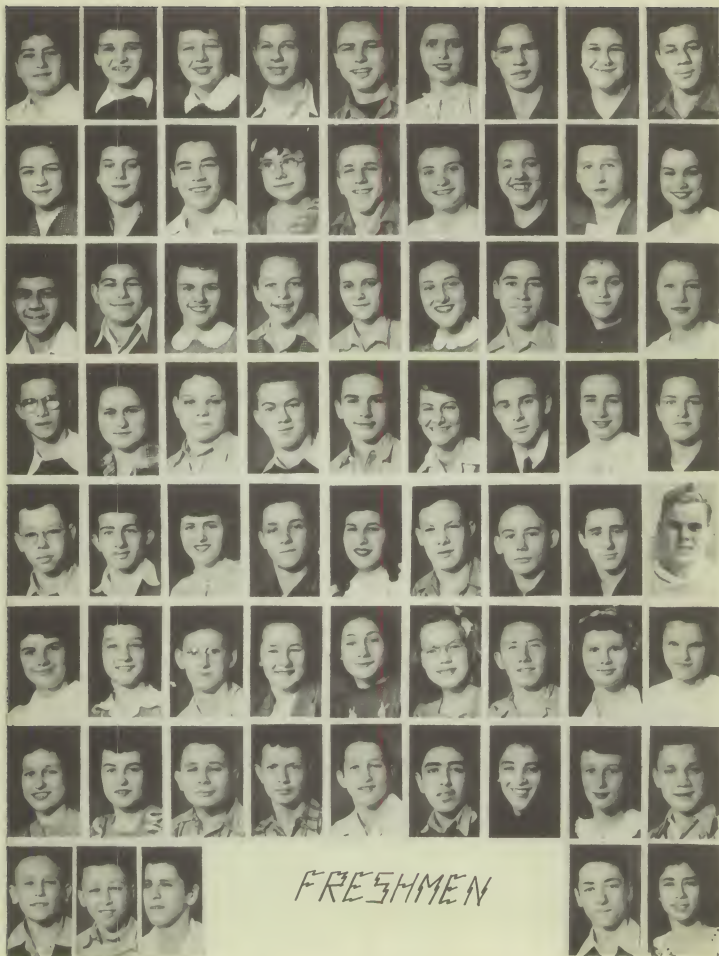
FRESHMAN OFFICERS

Theodore Wistrolik	Vice President
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SOPHOMORES

William Anderson	Dolores Appa	Shirley Bailey	Gloria Underwood	Ernestine Borman	Harry Brown	Loretta Carpenter	Lillian Clifford	Herzinia Corpus
Donna Day	Barbara Doolin	Maren Eryman	Elizabeth Estock	Mary Ann Fleming	Anita Galli	Lucille Galli	Virginia Gregory	Corinne Hanes
Ann Hansen	Bill Hawkins	Margaret Hess	Irene Hughes	Tony Jiminez	Jo Ann Jones	Eleanor Kaskadden	Darrell Kidwell	Stanley Kusmierz
Jo Ann Lancaster	Barbara Leggett	Virginia Martinez	Frank McKinnon	Phyllis McKinnon	Ann Morigi	Roseanna Neeley	Vivian Orben	John Pedone
Phillip Phillipov	Gena Piccolo	Ida Potts	Raul Ramirez	Olive Richardson	Dale Schurg	Aleta Sewell	Mary Lou Sheets	Barbara Sowell
Norman Splitgerber	Jack Spurr	Marilyn Stenback	Ruth Thomas	Gerald Walters	Iris Walters	Margaret Wells	Marion Wiesen	Donna Williams





Fuse

8TH
GRADE



CROSS COUNTRY



Fred Mott Mgr.
James Anton
Donald Neff
Donald Parry
Tory Jiminez
Dan Morigi
Coach Sparks
Robert Ramsey
Ray Mahaffey
Paul Ramirez
Dick Cummings
Ed Gayer - Mgr.

Edison's Cross-Country team, recognized as one of the outstanding teams of the state, started its competition in 1940, won the Northern Indiana championship two seasons later, and has won many trophies since. During the last season, the Blazers again won the Northern Indiana championship by beating sixteen schools in this part of the state. They were favorites to cop the state title, but a chipped ankle and illness dropped Edison to third in the state.

Edison's only other loss was to Gary Roosevelt in the city meet. Bob Ramsey was the outstanding runner of the year, followed by Morigi, Mahaffey, Neff, Anton, Ramirez, Jiminez, Parry and Cummings.

TRACK

First Row: Dave Lee Glass, James Anton, Dan Morigi, Don Parry, Jack Spurr, Bernard Darnell, Bob Ramsey, Don Neff, Ray Mahaffey, Jerry Stowers.

Second Row: Mr. Ladd - Sponsor, Fred Mott - Mgr. Bob Oliver, Paul Ramirez, Bob Hicks, Phillip Curtis, Don Spurr, Don McMahon, Roy Whiteside, Dale Schurg, Tony Jiminez, Julius Bowen, John Pedone - Mgr.



The Blazers have shown in track, as in other sports, that they can hold their own against schools of their own size, and earn the respect of much larger ones. Most of their competition this year was with larger schools; as a result, the team had wins only here and there, but they made a good showing in every meet.

Seven lettermen returned to the Blazer team this year and shouldered a major part of the burden. They are: B. Ramsey, miler; D. Neff, field events; R. Mahaffey, half miler; D. Spurr, sprinter and broad jumper; J. Spurr, pole vaulter and sprinter; D. Parry, sprinter and broad jumper; and B. Darnell, quarter-miler.

BASEBALL



First row: Stanley Kusmierz, Bill Anderson, Danny Morigi, Delbert Miller, Eugene Svetenoff, Dean Ellis, Leoniel Baldwin, Eugene Wells. Second row: Coach Sparks, Ray Bliss, Erwin Sajders, Robert Wall, Dorcey Best, Frank Mladenik, Bernard Darnell, Don Neff, Fred Mott.

E" CLUB



First Row: Frank Mladenik, Donald Spurr, Donald Perry, James Anton. Second Row: Robert Ramsey, Raymond Maheffey, Earl Norton, Bernard Darnell, Robert Chilleli, Vero Alois, Howard Dothager, Donald Neff, Eugene Wells, Edward Cayer. Third Row: Mr. Jeffers - Sponsor, Richard Cummings, Tony Jiminez, Eugene Daniels, Rudy Hojous, Mr. Sparks - Sponsor, Fred Mott, Jack Spurr, Dan Morigi, Reul Realirez, Mr. Swingley - Sponsor.



ACTIVITIES



STUDENT COUNCIL



First Row: Dick Cummings, Don Neff, Victor Youngmark, Gerry Stowers, Bernard Darnell. Second Row: Mildred Curtis, Betty Day, Iris Walters, Donna Hansen, Nancy Erickson, Mary Derian, Mary Jenci, Vivian Orben, Betty Graham, Ethel Vuich, Third Row: Mr. Swingley - Sponsor, Angelo Villa, David Glass, Harry Ewen, Fred Mott, Bob Pamsey, Steven Miller, Albert Ulicni, Mrs. Saxton - Sponsor.

The Council is a body of student representatives and advisors, who in the last three years have accomplished much to improve conditions in our school.

This year they succeeded in (a) carrying on the flower fund for students, (b) continuing the sale of the handbook, "The Blazer", and (c) most important of all, setting up the social calendar for the school. Each year the Council leaves a project to be carried out by their successors. This year they worked to raise funds for the improvement of the primary playground. For next year's project they are considering the beautification of the school grounds.

Victor Youngmark, President; Dave Lee Glass, Vice President; Donna Hansen, Treasurer; Mary Derian, Secretary.



EFNO



PICCOLO

Lola Hann

FLUTE

Lola Hann
Rosanna Neeley
Delores Nagralli

B^b CLARINET

Victor Youngmark
Edith Patars
Richard Westbrook
Harmenia Corpus
Ann Morigi
Shirley Bailay
Alata Sawall
Batty Estock
Janice Willoughby
Virginia Corpus
Marilyn Kundrat
George Clifford
Richard Glass

ALTO CLARINET

Phillip Curtis

BASS CLARINET

Gena Piccolo

PERSONNEL

ALTO SAX
Raymond Doloria

TEKOR SAX
Don Parry

PERCUSSION
Margie Martin
Bob Ramsey
Batty Graham
Juna Proctor
Ruth Thomas

BELLS
Georga Graham

CORNET
Don Spurr
Bernard Windmiller
Daan Ellis
Eugana Stahl
Gerry Stowers
Jack Schoonover
Stanley Kusmierz

Shirley Da St. Jean
Joan Massey
Bill Anderson

FRENCH HORN
Paul Estock
Carol Sheffler
Delores Appa
Blancha Naeley
Lawrence Wall

BARITONE
Angelo Villa
Frank Alois

TROMBONE
Bob Carpenter
Casper Molinaro
Bill Koss
Bob Oliver
Lowall Harmons
Jack Spurr
Bill Carter

BAJS
Dala Ellis
Ray Lynch
Jimmy McCabe

Edison, this year, has come to realize that its band has grown up. More and more its activities are reaching out through the school into the community. All year long the flurry of preparation, evidenced by excited runnings hither and yon, by twirling batons in the lower hall, and by after-school and night-school practices has never subsided.

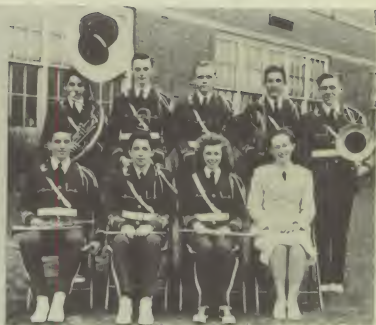
The Cake Walk, the dance in our gym, the Mid-Year Concert, the invitational broadcast from Purdue featuring our own composer and our own singer, the concert at The Fine and Industrial Arts Exhibit in Memorial Gym, The Spring Concert, the Memorial day parade and the Convocation were on their agenda, not to mention playing for the Honor Society Induction, and the graduation.

Individual honors too, have come to them, for in The Regional Solo Contest they carried off three first places. And for next year they have planned an even more ambitious program. They are lucky in that they are losing only five members by graduation.



OFFICERS

Seated: Robert Ramsey, Pres.;
Lola Hann, Vice Pres.; Stand-
ing: Shirley De St. Jean, Drum
Major; Victor Youngmark, Band
Fund Comm.; Gerald Stowers,
Mgr; Miss Scheddell, Director.



SECTION HEADS

Standing: Dale Ellis, Bass; Bob Car-
penter, Trombone; Victor Youngmark,
Clarinest; Paul Estock, French Horn;
Angelo Villa, Baritone. Seated: Don
Spurr, Cornet; Bob Ramsey, Drums; Lola
Hann, Flute; Miss Scheddell, Director.



MARJORIE MARTIN
SHIRLEY DE ST. JEAN
JOAN MASSEY

DRAMATIC CLUB



Seated: John Pedone, Janet Higgins, Lorette Carpenter, George Wireck, Betty Dey, Wenda Ryden, Jackie Conway, Remona Veughen, Jim Hastings, Ervin Sejdere, Dorothy Gregoresh, Ellen Summers, Richard Cummings, Kermit Jones. Standing: Mrs. Larreebe, Victor Youngmark, Bonnie Bock, Phillip Phillipov, Mary Jenci, Betty Davis. Not pictured: Mary Lou Simmons.

Once upon a time, in the year of 1944, there started out a group of adventurers on the road to stardom. The way was hard for the inexperienced travelers, and beset with many pitfalls.

They tightened the straps on their make-up kits and fought their way to their first production, "Professor How Could You." From comedy, the group traveled on to the realm of mystery. Through many trying ordeals the cast went into the role of "The Sixth Key." Through the corridors of mystery to the light of Romance they went, till they reached the heights of success in their last play, given by the ten charter members, "Garden of the Moon." There have been many small performances along the way, but Edison School will remember these outstanding ones.

Once again the Dramatic Club took their annual trip to Chicago. This year they decided on "The Lute Song", because it has been rated by all the critics as the most unusual play of the season.

The twenty members of the Dramatic Class who attended all agreed that the music, scenery, costuming, and stage settings were entirely different from any thing they had ever seen before. They gained much information that will help them in their own work.



Erwin Sejdere, Treasurer; Bonnie Bock, Secretary; Dick Cummings, President; Ellen Summers, Vice President.



OFF
TO SEE THE
"LUTE SONG"

(Vee-Jay Photo)

"GARDEN OF THE MOON"

B
A
C
K
S
T
A
G
E



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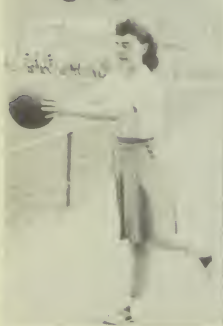


"G": Margaret Hess, Dolores Apps, Joan Massey, Charlene Hess, Donna Hansen, Mildred Curtis, Shirley Gadd, Carmen Cortez, Georginia Clifford, Betty Graham, Gena Piccolo. "A": Shirley Bailey, Betty Estock, Cermella Popillo, Merian Wiesen, Katherine Kidwell, Anna Morigi, Janet Richards, Rene Brazil, Shirley De St Jean. "A": Olive Richardson, Jo Ann Lancaster, Blanche Nealey, Rosana Nealey, Donna Williams, Vivien Orban, Ma ren Eryman, Barbara Leggitt, Mary Darian. Sponsor, Kay Grande.

The G. A. A. is one of the oldest organizations at Edison. It is open to any girl interested in sports. The governing body is composed of executive officers; Donna Hansen, President; Mildred Curtis, Vice President; Betty Graham, Secretary; and Donna Williams, Treasurer; plus the various sport heads. The girls participate in basketball, baseball, captainball, hiking and biking, bowling, handball, speedball, and volleyball.

A credit system has been set up by which any Edison girl may earn an "E" or an honorary varsity award. These letters are awarded at an annual banquet which was held at Vogel's this year.

Our social calendar has been limited this year, due to the absence of a sponsor. Mrs. D. Weber filled the position for a large part of the year, and then Miss K. Grande assumed the responsibility. A Christmas Dance, a Hot Dog Sale, and an outing at the lake completed the years activities.



OFFICERS

Donna Hansen, President
 Mildred Curtis, Vice President
 Betty Graham, Secretary
 Donna Williams, Treasurer

SPORTHEADS

Shirley De St. Jean, Basket-
 ball; Delores Appa, Captainball;
 Shirley Bailey, Baseball; Anna
 Morigi, Speedball; Vivian Orban,
 Hiking & Biking; JoAnn Lancaster,
 Bowling; Betty Estock, Vollyball.



GLEE CLUB

Loretta Carpenter
Secretary
Dorothy Gregorash
Vice President



Prudence Fleming
President
Ellen Summers
Treasurer

The Girls' Glee Club of Edison High School has been organized for only two years. Charter members of the group are: Prudence Fleming, Bonnie, Bock, Phyllis Jordan, Mildred Curtis, Betty Day, and Pauline Beginger.

Four girls, Marilyn Johnson, Mildred Curtis, Mary Lou Simmons, and Loretta Carpenter sang in a chorus composed of high school students of Lake County for the Music teachers of the county at their October meeting. Dr. Velt of Augustana College was the guest conductor.

At Christmas the group participated in the annual broadcast of Yuletide music sponsored by the Gary Merchants' Bureau. Soloists for the occasion were Loretta Carpenter and Mildred Curtis. The program originated in Hotel Gary. After the broadcast a party with a gift exchange was held at the home of Miss Feather.

In March, the girls sang for a tea at the Brunswick Presbyterian Church. Mary Janci gave a reading and a solo "I Love Life" was sung by Mildred Curtis. The group presented an auditorium program in May. They also furnished the music for Baccalaureate, June 15, at the Presbyterian Church.



First Row: Prudence Fleming, Wanda Ryden, Maren Eryman, Mary Janci, Lola Hann, Olive Richardson, Lillian Clifford, Marilyn Stenback. Second Row: Bonnie Bock, Mary Vaughn, Nancy Erickson, Dorothy Gregorash, Ellen Summers, Evelyn Much, Donna Williams, Miss Feather - Sponson. Third Row: Pauline Bedinger, Donna Day, Loretta Carpenter, Betty Day, Mildred Curtis, Jean Walters, Janet Higgins, Phyllis Jordan. Not pictured: Gloria Underwood.

HI-Y



First Row: Ray Mahaffey, Ed Gayer, Victor Youngmark, Fred Mott, Bernard Darnell, Gerry Stowers, Mr. Ladd - Sponsor. Second Row: Mr. Swingley - Sponsor, Jack Schoonover, Eugene Svetanoff, Dean Ellis, Jack Spurr, Leoniel Baldwin, Emery Brazil, Bill Anderson, Henry Nunez, Paul Estock, Harold Peters, Bob Ramsey. Third Row: John Pedone, Gerry Walters, George Wirick, Merle Quigley, Robert Carpenter, Don Spurr, James Hastings, Bob Davis, Donald Parry, Harry Ewen, Dick Cummings, Eugene Wells.

The Edison Hi-Y is a part of an organization that has as members, young men of all races, colors, and religions. Hi-Y means a division of the YMCA for boys of high-school age and the Hi-Y Fellowship extends throughout the world.



The Hi-y this year has participated in the Officers Training Camp at Camp Tecumseh in Delphi, Indiana. The Older Boys Conference at Kokomo, and the fall and spring conventions, held at Hammond and La Parte respectively. They have given several dances, two slash parties, and are looking forward to a successful 1947 - 48 school year.

President, Victor Youngmark; Vice President, Fred Mott; Sergeant at Arms, Bernard Darnell; Treasurer, Eddie Gayer; Secretary, Gerry Stowers; Chaplain, Ray Mahaffey.

HONOR SOCIETY



The eligibility of candidates for this society is determined by grades and by the judgment of the teachers who have had them in classes. High standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service are set up for membership in this organization.

By this method, five new members were inducted this year. This induction took place on the night of March 18, 1947, before the meeting of the P. T. A. As there were not enough members of the society left in school, two graduate members helped in the ceremony; they were Marceline Willis, and Rosemary Erickson Downey.

The officers this year are: Victor Youngmark, President; Mary Janci, Treasurer; and Albert Ulicni, Secretary.



Dave Lee Glass, Ellen Summers, Barbara Orndorff, Albert Ulicni, Victor Youngmark, Janet Higgins, Mildred Gorney, Mary Janci.

BEAKER BREAKERS



Seated: Bernard Darnell, Merle Quigley, Don Spurr, Dean Ellis, Rudy Hojous, Lowell Hammons. Standing: Dorsey Best, Leoniel Baldwin, Emery Brazil, Thomas Webster, Robert Wall, Floyd Burns, James Hastings, Walter Highsmith, Paul Estock, Betty Graham, Wallace Lawson, Sona Eryman, Earl Norton, Jean Carter, Leola Elliott.

Science at Edison School marches on! Despite the lack of facilities and supplies the science department is growing. This year because of the large enrollment, Mrs. Connor suggested that it was time to start some extra activities. With her able and insistent guidance, the club has advanced to the place where it holds membership in The Science Clubs of America.

February 7, 1947 the BEAKER BREAKERS gave a program commemorating Edison's Centennial. Models of his inventions were presented and explained. Starting with this year they are planning annual trips to points of scientific interest. May 17 they visited Chicago Museums. The continued success of this club is possible only through the support of the students.



Bernard Darnell, President; Rudy Hojous, Vice President; Jean Carter, Secretary-Treasurer.

TORCH STAFF



Seated: Jean Carter, Donald Neff, Mildred Curtis, Mary Derian, Lupe Corpus, Irene Welch, Donna Hansen, Pauline Bedinger. Standing: Dolores Kubacki, Katherine Chamales, Helen Pera, Emery Brazil, Mrs. Saxton-Sponsor, Dean Ellis, Vero Alois, Eugene Daniels, Earl Norton, Nancy Erickson, Ray Mahaffey.

The end of another year, the SIXTH! It does not seem possible. We have not done half the things about which we talked. We have not yet put out that perfect paper, with the commas all in place, with the words all spelled according to Webster--no grammatical errors, no mechanical errors. We have not done it. And why not?

Well, the reporters blame the stencil cutters, the stencil cutters blame the proofreaders, the proofreaders blame the sponsor, while the sponsor scolds the whole staff. If a page by some strange chance does happen to come through absolutely perfect, the mimeographer picks out that page to run upside-down. So it goes; but we try.

Of course, we seniors will not be here, but we have worked hard with the Junior reporters and copymen, and we sincerely hope that they use the training and experience they have already received and put out a paper just a little bit better than ours. Next year the major part of the staff will consist of Katherine Chamales, Helen Pera, Dolores Kubacki, Jean Carter, Emery Brazil, Dean Ellis, Don Spurr, and Vero Alois. To these, the future senior staff, we leave the TORCH. Pencils will be sharpened, fresh note books will be on hand with potato chips and apples near by for inspiration. Typewriters will be cleaned spick and span, boxes of stencils will be handy and correction fluid intact. Everything will be ready. Now, it is up to them to do justice to the TORCH which we have worked so hard to improve year by year, until now it ranks higher than any other mimeographed paper in the city of Gary. Good luck, kids! Take care of the TORCH.



COMMUNIST



HE WON'T MIND



SHOOTING



WELL, IT'S TRUE



THAT'S THE WORD



WELL, IT'S TRUE



HOW DO YOU SPELL SWINLEY?

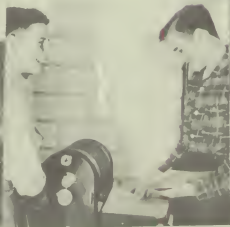


WALKING???

WELL, IT'S TRUE



WELL, IT'S TRUE



WELL, IT'S TRUE



THIS WON'T DO!

Y-TEENS



First Row: Shirley De St Jean, Dolores Kubecki, Carmen Cortez, Betty Graham, Mildred Curtis, Mona Baldwin. Second Row: Margie Martin, Shirley Gadd, Irma Berath, Rose Gregorash, Constance Drohan, Ethel Vuich, Donna Gough, Carol Smith, Mary Grutsch, Muriel Campbell. Third Row: Mrs. Long-Sponsor, Miss Campbell-Sponsor, Marian Wiseman, Loretta Riley, Mary Poettgen, Louise Sidnam, June Proctor, Ida Mae Potts.

The Y-Teens is a national girls' organization formed to foster friendship among girls throughout the country. The Y-Teens' club in Edison is also called Y-Hi. They have had a great many activities throughout the year, namely The Box Social, Little Abner Dance, and Friday-night Dances at the Y. W. C. A. of which this organization is a branch.

They have been very fortunate in having young sponsors who are capable of understanding and aiding them in their problems and tribulations as teen-age girls.

Mildred Curtis, President; Dolores Kubecki, Secretary; Shirley De St Jean, Treasurer.







New Shop



The Girls



Brer Doing Bookkeeping??



Getting ready for Soap Box



Sept. 3



Hey Kids, Comon

7 senior???

WHAT NOT ?



Girls!



Nightmare



Track



Our Pets



Footnotes



Pink
UPS

WILL

HAROLD BEALS	Wills his ability to get others in trouble to Vero Aloia.
PAULINE BEDINGER	Leaves her eyeleshes to Betty Graham.
BONNIE BOCK	Wills her giggles to Janet Higgins.
ERIN BROWN	Leaves to Dan Morigi his ability to be quick.
FLOYD BURNS	Gives his boxing gloves to Raul Ramirez.
BOB CHILELLI	Bequeaths his big smiles to Dorcey Best.
GEORGINIA CLIFFORD	Bestows her love of art on Phyllis Jordan.
LUPE CORPUS	Bequeaths her charming manners to Carolyn Mansfield.
DON CRAGO	Leaves his ability to help Jeffers to anyone who is as lazy as he is.
RICHARD CUMMINGS	Gives his dramatic ability to Leoniel Baldwin.
MILDRED CURTIS	Leaves her dimples to Margaret Rowan.
EUGENE DANIELS	Leaves his hot temper to Don Spurr.
BERNARD DARNELL	Doesn't leave his silliness to anyone. The teachers have had enough of it already.
BETTY DAVIS	Gives her dancing ability to Sona Eryman.
BETTY DAY	Leaves her ability in math to Edith Peters.
MARY DERIAN	Wills her ability to run the TORCH to Katherine Chamales.
HOWARD DOTHAGER	Wills his pivot shot to Merle Quigley.
NANCY ERICKSON	Bestows her appetite to all the Junior girls.
HARRY EWEN	Gives his ability to accumulate a big bank roll to Bill Koss.
PRUDENCE FLEMING	Gives her ability of sewing to Mary Martinez.
EDWARD GAYER	Wills his courtesy to Ray Bliss.
DOROTHY GREGORASH	Wills her hair to Hattie Mauck.
LOWELL HAMMONS	Leases his orneriness to Angelo Villa.
LOLA HANN	Bequeaths her determination to Clara Molinaro.
DONNA HANSEN	Gives her secretarial ability to Helen Pera.
VALTER HIGHSMITH	Gives that southern drawl to Jim Hastings.
RUDY HOJCUS	Wents Jim Cavansough to do as good a job as he did of managing athletics.
MARY JANCI	Wills her memorizing ability to Mildred Gorney.
MARILYN JOHNSON	Leaves her personality to Reva Neeley.
KERMIT JONES	Bestows all his fatigue suits on Don Parry.
DICK LYNCH	Wills his CYO basketball letter to James Anton
RAY MAHAFFEY	Is willing to give his big appetite to Paul Estock.

FRANK MLADENIK	Leaves his ability to steady with a girl in every school in Gery to Emery Brazil.
LYDIA MONTEMAYOR	Bequeaths her ball room dancing to Isabell Sharp.
FRED MOTT	Gives his few (?) extra pounds to Henry Nunez and Dels Schurg.
EVELYN MUCH	Wills her job as office assistant to Barbara Orndorff.
DON NEFF	Bequeaths the energy to get a letter in every sport to Bob Carpenter and Gene Hanes.
EARL NORTON	Isn't leaving anything to anybody, he needs it all for his future.
LILLIAN PERA	Bestows her ability of matching colors on Dolorss Kubecki.
HAROLD PETERS	Bestows all his horse drawing ability to Bill McNorton.
ROBERT RAMSEY	Wants Dean Ellis to have his big laugh.
WANDA RYDEN	Wills her artistic ability to Roberta Van Horn.
ERVIN SAJDERA	Leaves his earnest friendliness to Robert Barnack.
JOHN SASSANO	Doesn't want to lose that "stay on the job attitude", so he is keeping it.
MARY LOU SIMMONS	Bequeaths that joyful disposition of hers to Barbara Hathaway.
GERALD STOWERS	Wills his math A's (?) to Robert Davis.
ELLEN SUMMERS	Gives her wardrobe to Rosalie Sassano.
AL ULICNI	Gives that slick wavy hair to Davy Glass.
MARY RUTH VAUGHAN	Wills her humor to Jess Carter.
RAMONA VAUGHAN	Leaves her love of setting to Shirley De St Jean.
ROBERT WALL	Doesn't care who takes all those nick names of his, just so he gets rid of them.
JOHN WATERS	Leaves his ability to graduate at the last minute to Merle Quigley.
IRENE WELCH	Gives her shorthand ability to Jackie Conway.
EUGENE WELLS	Leaves his love of wrestling to his sister Margaret.
VICTOR YOUNGMARK	Bestows the honor of being president of four different organizations to anyone who can possibly shoulder the responsibility.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands to this our Last Will and Testament this fifth day of June, 1947.

Witness: Bess Feather

Victor Youngmark
President

Witness: Richard Jeffers

Ellen Summers
Secretary



Irene



Millie



Lola



Albert



Mary Lou



Mary & Bernard



Donna



Nancy



Elles & Dick



"Daniels" Mary D.



Harry



Mary J.



Don N.

TELL-A-VISION

One evening, as I was sitting by the fireplace in my mountain retreat in Switzerland, my thoughts wandered back to Gary. I thought of dear old Edison, and that inspiring Class of 1947. The more I thought of it, the more homesick I became. Finally, I decided to go home to see how the school is getting along without the Class of '47. I hurriedly packed my things, and the next day I sailed for America. I was certainly surprised when the air-hostess showed me to my seat; she was none other than DOROTHY GREGORASH. As I took my place, it was right next to VICTOR YOUNG-MARK, the American Ambassador to Sweden. He was going home, too. Just before the plane took off, the pilot made a final check of the passengers. I was sure I knew him, and I was right--it was ERVIN SAJDERA!

After seeing these friends, I was more anxious than ever to get home. As soon as we landed in New York, I rushed from the plane to a taxi, where I was not at all surprised to see EUGENE WELLS at the wheel. His experience carrying the team to end from Black Oak served him well. That evening, I went to a stage show. As I entered the theater, I saw in big red lights, "DICK CUMMINGS and ELLEN SUMMERS." Everyone in New York was talking about their torrid love scenes. The next day I decided to do a little shopping. As I walked through the business district, I passed the most beautiful flower shop. And, the proprietor was BONNIE BOCK. She had named her shop "Bonnie's Beautiful Bouquets." And what do you know! Right next door in a sixty-five story building was a dress-designing shop, called "Prudy's Pretties." Yes, PRUDENCE FLEMING was the head model and designer. I still had another evening to spend in New York before resuming my trip, so I went to the Metropolitan Opera to hear MILDRED CURTIS, the highest paid singer in Opera today. I marveled at the beautiful flute solos in the orchestra numbers. It reminded me of LOILA HANN, and sure enough, it was! As I was returning to the hotel for the night, I heard a newsboy yelling, "Extra! Extra! TUBBY BURN'S K.O.'S Joe Louis in 13 seconds of the last round!" Yee eir, he sure is a tough boy! With all these oldsmates in New York, and with LUPE CORPUS in Argentina, as secretary to the American Ambassador, I began to wonder if I would find very many of my old cronies in Brunswick.

The next day, I boarded the train for Gary. I bought a magazine called "True Romance," edited by MARY LOU SIMMONS, who is now living in Greenland, where the men can't bother her. As soon as I got off the train, I ran for a bus bound for Brunswick. Yes, it was the opportune time to return to my "home town." Everyone here was excited because Edison had won the state basketball championship for the fifth straight year! Trying to find the rest of my class, I stopped at Sassano Inn, formerly known as Palm Grove, and who should greet me at the entrance, but the owner himself, JOHNNY SASSANO. He's sure glad to be in out of the rain. He told me about a few more of my classmates: "HAROLD PETERS owns the Churchill Downs Race Track. FRED MOTT and ED GAYER are known as the famous 'Touchdown Twins' and play for the Chicago Bears. RAY MAHAFFEY is the winning jockey for Kentucky Derby for the last ten years. I missed EUGENE DANIELS in New York, where he is a designer of skyscrapers. MERLE MASON has invented a new type of television-telephone. (Now you can't say, "Guess who.") KERMIT JONES is a producer for Metro-Goldwin-Mayer. HAROLD BEALS beat Willie Hoppe to become the best pool-player in the world. HOWARD DOTRAGER now has the highest score in professional basketball, and his team-mate DON NEFF, is a trick-shot artist. And. . . ALBERT ULICNI has been state senator for years. No one dares run against him."

After I had been home for a few days, I looked up RAMONA VAUGHAN, now head of the county social agencies. She knew all the latest gossip and told me where I could find more of the class of '47: "MARY VAUGHAN won the Pulitzer prize last year for the book entitled, 'Life in Black-Oak.' LILLIAN PERA has opened a beauty shop, called 'Lillian's Lovely Looks.' BETTY DAY is a professor of mathematics at UCLA. IRENE WELCH is still vacationing on the million dollars she got from her rich uncle for graduation. MARY JANCY is seldom at home because of her long lecture tours. Her services are valued at \$500 an evening. WANDA RYDEN is now an artist on Walt Disney's staff. PAULINE BEDINGER has changed from roller-skating to ice-skating and is the new star with the Ice Follies. BETTY DAVIS has been dancing on the screen with Fred Astaire. She's taught him a number of new steps. MARILYN JOHNSON, who happens to be a leading figure in society, is giving a party for the former debutante of Edison.

Yes sir! Brunswick is now the leading community of this city of one million. (Brunswick alone numbers 850,000.) It has its own lawyer, WALTER HIGHSMITH; its own doctor, the world-renowned ERIN BROWN; and its own newspaper, whose editor is MARY DERIAN, which has run all other Gary newspapers out of business. It has the famous photo studio under the expert management of "Rembrandt" RAMSEY. Exclusive tinting is provided by GEORGINIA CLIFFORD. Then there's the letter shop across the street, with DONNA HANSEN doing personal secretarial work for such a great clientele that she had to teach her little children to type. Next door is a gift shop, owned by LYDIA MONTEMAYOR. And, on that corner, DICK LYNCH owns a gas station. By the way these business enterprises keep HARRY EWEN busy in his accounting office--figuring taxes, preparing financial statements, etc.

Strolling down Fifth Avenue, I noticed a large establishment on the corner of Burr Street--the regular high school hang-out, I understand. I noticed the neon sign "MUCH serves much for less" and found out it was called EVELYN's Super Sundae Stop. Across the street ROBERT CHILELLI and ROBERT WALL have opened a restaurant, specializing in Italian and Swedish dinners, with free Smorgasbord and spaghetti dinners to all their classmates. I stopped in and met a few more alumni. DON GRAGO informed me he had just started a new bus service in Brunswick and that GERRY STOWERS was driving for him. NANCY ERICKSON and Pee Wee were there...they bought the house next door to avoid the bother of cooking. Heard that FRANK MLADENIK is the head basketball coach at Notre Dame. (He picked up where he left off at Edison.) Also, EARL NORTON can be heard five times daily with his complete coverage of the sport news. BERNARD DARNELL is famous for his clowning antics in the stage show that he stars in. RUDY HOJCUS is a fight promoter and the present manager of the Cubs. And, LOWELL HAMMONS is the star first baseman for the Cubs. Somehow he manages to hit 999 each year.

Having satisfied my curiosity, I returned to my Switzerland retreat, happy to know that I had left U. S. in good hands.

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